

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A system for providing reader-supplied evaluation of a sample of an authored work for potential publication of the work comprising:

5 an author interface module for receiving a portion of a work from an author to be reviewed;

storage means for storing the work along with other works for review;

a reader interface module for receiving a request from a reader to review a work;

10 work presentation means for presenting a portion of a work to the reader based on the reader's request;

a review receiving module for receiving evaluation of the work from the reader and placing the review in the storage means associated with the work; and

criteria determination means for determining whether the work meets predetermined reader-satisfaction criteria.

15 2. The system of claim 1 further comprising analysis means for generating analysis information regarding the work based on the reader-feedback.

3. The system of claim 2 wherein the analysis indicates the percentage of readers that would purchase the work.

4. The system of claim 1 wherein the criteria determination means determines
20 whether a predetermined number of reviews have been made prior to evaluating whether the reader-satisfaction criteria have been met.

5. The system of claim 4 wherein the criteria determination means utilizes multiple rounds of criteria and determines whether a predetermined number of reviews has been made for each round prior to evaluating whether the reader-satisfaction criteria have been met.

6. The system of claim 5 wherein the criteria determination means removes a work
5 from availability for presentation to a reader if the work does not meet the predetermined reader-satisfaction criteria.

7. The system of claim 7 further comprising reader-feedback means for providing feedback to the reader if a work is rejected to enable the reader to revise the work for resubmission.

8. The system of claim 5 wherein the reader-satisfaction criteria are different for
10 each round.

9. The system of claim 8 wherein the reader-satisfaction criteria comprise a willingness to purchase and wherein the percentage of readers that find the work willing to purchase increases with each round.

10. The system of claim 4 wherein the predetermined number of reviews is based on
15 demographics of the readers so that the criteria determination means evaluates the reader-satisfaction criteria after certain numbers of readers from each of a plurality of demographics has evaluated the work.

11. The system of claim 10 wherein the work presentation means selects a work from
20 the storage means based on demographics of the reader and the number of readers from each demographic that the work needs to meet the demographic reader requirements.

12. The system of claim 1 wherein the work presentation means selects a work based on a genre selected by the reader.

13. The system of claim 1 further comprising a membership module that creates a membership for the author prior to work submission that includes a contract in which the member/submitter agrees to pay a percentage of royalties earned from the work when it is published.

14. The system of claim 13 wherein the membership module also collects a fee for each submission of a work for review from the member.

15. A method for providing on-line evaluation of authored works for potential publication of the work comprising the steps of:

receiving a portion of a work from an author to be reviewed;

storing the work along with other works for review;

receiving a request from a reader to review a work;

presenting a portion of a work to the reader based on the reader's request electronically

over a network;

receiving evaluation of the work from the reader and placing the review in the storage means associated with the work; and

determining whether the work meets predetermined reader-satisfaction criteria.

16. The method of claim 15 further comprising the step of generating analysis information regarding the work based on the reader-feedback.

17. The method of claim 16 wherein the analysis indicates the percentage of readers

that would purchase the work.

18. The method of claim 1 wherein the criteria determination step comprises determining a predetermined number of reviews have been made prior to evaluating whether the reader-satisfaction criteria have been met.

5 19. The method of claim 18 wherein the criteria determination step comprises multiple rounds of criteria determination, wherein each round has a predetermined number of reviewers and a reader-satisfaction criteria.

10 20. The method of claim 19 further comprising the step of removing a work from availability for presentation to a reader if the work does not meet the predetermined reader-satisfaction criteria.

21. The method of claim 20 further comprising the step of providing feedback to the reader if a work is rejected to enable the reader to revise the work for resubmission.

22. The method of claim 5 wherein the reader-satisfaction criteria are different for each round.

15 23. The method of claim 22 wherein the reader-satisfaction criteria comprise a willingness to purchase and wherein the percentage of readers that find the work willing to purchase increases with each round.

20 24. The method of claim 22 wherein the predetermined number of reviews is based on demographics of the readers so that the criteria determination means evaluates the reader-satisfaction criteria after certain numbers of readers from each of a plurality of demographics has evaluated the work.

25. The method of claim 24 further comprising the step of selecting a work to present to a reader based on demographics of the reader and the number of readers from each demographic that the work needs to meet the demographic reader requirements.

5 26. The method of claim 15 wherein the work presentation step involves selecting a work based on a genre selected by the reader.

27. The method of claim 15 further comprising the step of creating a membership for the author prior to work submission that includes a contract in which the member/submitter agrees to pay a percentage of royalties earned from the work when it is published.

10 28. The method of claim 27 further comprising the step of collecting a fee for each submission of a work for review from the member.

29. The method of claim 15 further comprising the step of assisting in publication of the work if predetermined reader-satisfaction criteria are established.

30. The method of claim 29 further comprising the step of issuing a certification of approval from a host entity.

15 31. The method of claim 30 further comprising the step of licensing the publisher with the right to post the certification with the work.

32. The method of claim 30 further comprising the step of licensing the author with the right to post the certification with the work.

20 33. The method of claim 15 further comprising the step of providing on-line publication of an entire work that meets the predetermined reader-satisfaction criteria.

34. The method of claim 33 further comprising deriving revenue from the publication

